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Albany Mountain Area Trails



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ALBANY NOTCH TRAIL

TRAIL BEGINNING: 800 ft. elevation. Trail begins on the Crocker Pond Road (FR 18) one mile south of the Patte Brook Road (FR 7).

TRAIL ENDING: Trail ends at Birch Ave. near Keewaydin Lake in Stoneham, Me.

LENGTH: 3.7 miles

ACCESS: From Bethel take Route 5 south past Songo Pond and turn right onto the Patte Brook Road at sign indicating National Forest Camping. Follow signs to Crocker Pond Campground. Parking for trail is 1/2 mile before campground on right.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: National Forest land is managed for a variety of uses including wildlife, water, timber, wilderness, and recreation. Wildlife habitat improvement, protection of soil and water resources, timber harvesting, visual resource improvement, and recreational activities may all occur on the same parcel of land. The Albany Notch Trail provides a north-south route from the Crocker Pond Road to Keewaydin Lake through Albany Notch, the natural passage between Peter Mountain and Albany Mountain. It provides an alternative route going to or coming from Albany Mountain.

NARRATIVE: The trail leaves the west side of the Crocker Pond Road (FR 18) and follows an old logging road for much of the route. At 0.6 miles the Albany Mountain Trail leaves left, while the Albany Notch Trail continues west and in a short distance crosses an old log landing now being maintained as a wildlife opening. The trail begins to ascend to the height of land in the Notch. At 1.7 miles a trail leaves left to connect with the Albany Mountain Trail. From the Notch the trail descends south following old logging roads to Birch Avenue and eventually Route 5 in Stoneham.



ALBANY MOUNTAIN TRAIL

TRAIL BEGINNING: 980 ft. elevation. Trail begins at 0.6 mile from the Crocker Pond Road, Albany Notch trailhead.

TRAIL ENDING: 1920 ft elevation. Trail ends at the summit of Albany Mountain.

LENGTH: 1.4 miles

ACCESS: Follow directions to Albany Notch trailhead.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: This trail provides access to the summit of Albany Mountain, an open summit that affords panoramic views in all directions with the best being to the south and east. Many lakes and ponds are visible and this particular view point is recommended for fine fall foliage viewing opportunities. The area is also known for its blueberry picking opportunities most years.

NARRATIVE: The Albany Mountain Trail leaves the Albany Notch Trail at 0.6 mile from the Crocker Pond Road. It follows and crosses several old logging roads as it ascends the north side of Albany Mountain. At 0.5 mile from its beginning a short connector trail leaves right to the Albany Notch Trail. The trail continues ahead and begins crossing sections of open ledge and softwoods to the summit with its wide-open views. Distance from the Crocker Pond Road is 2.0 miles.

CAUTION: Areas along the trails can become slippery at anytime of the year due to changing weather conditions. Use care when walking on these Forest trails. Harsh weather conditions are common in mountainous areas. Dress properly and bring extra clothing for your own protection.



ALBANY BROOK TRAIL

TRAIL BEGINNING: 825 ft. elevation. Trail begins at the Crocker Pond Campground at the end of the Crocker Pond Road (FR 18).

TRAIL ENDING: The northern shore of Round Pond.

LENGTH: 1.0 mile

ACCESS: Follow directions for Albany Notch Trail and continue to Crocker Pond Campground.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: This trail provides the only trail access to Round Pond, known for good trout fishing opportunities. Very easy hike for all ability levels.

NARRATIVE: The Albany Brook Trail leaves the parking area at Crocker Pond and follows along the western shore of the pond for about 1/4 mile as it heads south to Round Pond. After leaving Crocker Pond, the trail continues on relatively easy grades with a few short climbs up small hills. At 1.0 mile the trail ends on the north shore of Round Pond.

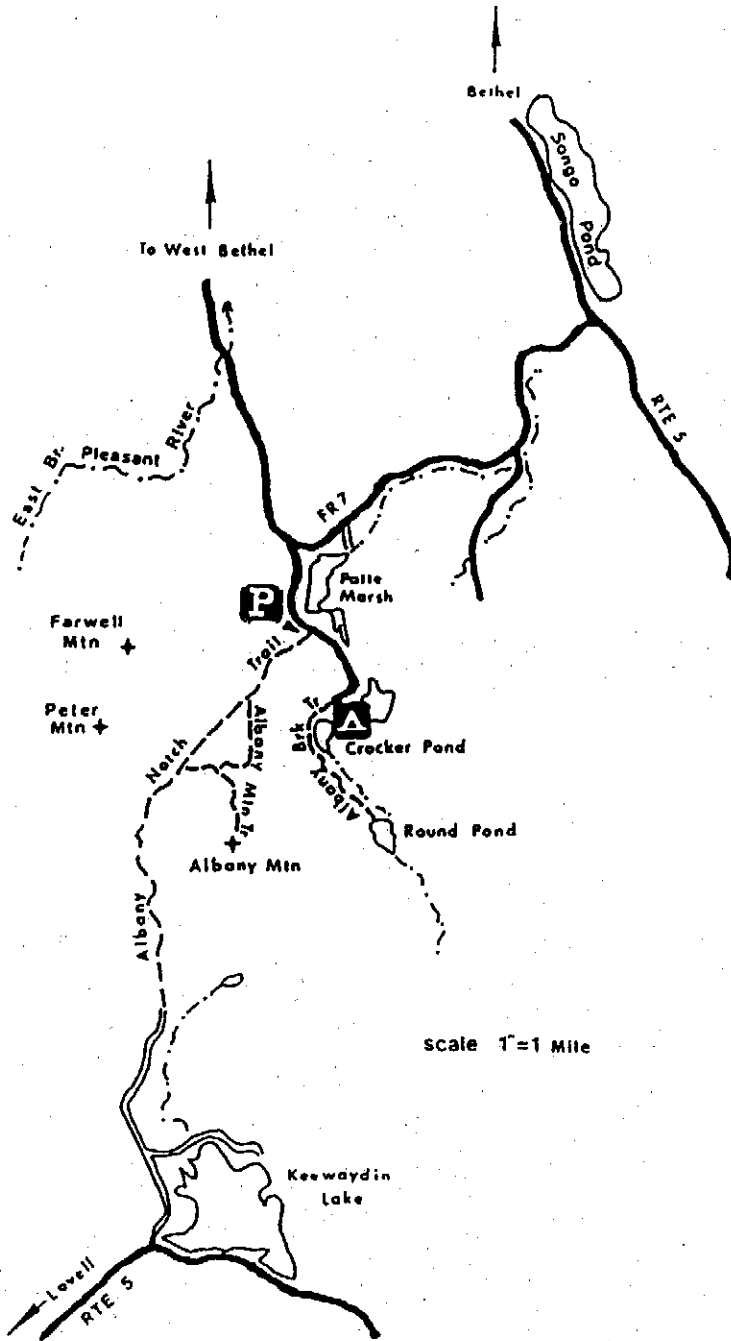


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TRAIL MAPS

This map is for general information only and should not be used as a trail guide. Please bring a topographical map with you such as the **AMC White Mountain Guide, Map #7 Carter-Mahoosuc (1992)** or **DeLorme Trail Map and Guide to White Mountain National Forest (1987)**.



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